Forerunner of Lincoln School Founded Soon After City Established

Schools were established for the colored population soon after the founding of the city. The first house erected for the purpose was a frame building on the west side of the tracks. It is still standing at the corner of Hickory and Reed and was used for a dwelling before it was taken over by the Second Baptist church.

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Later a building was erected at the corner of Park and Maple streets, and soon another building was needed. One housed the first, second and third grades; the other housed fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth.

The present building, "Lincoln School" was constructed in 1912.

Teachers from early days down to present at the Lincoln include: Mrs. Ruth Rhiley C. Patton, Jordan Chavis, T. A. Killian. (His father, an herb doctor, used to tell that he remembered when deer ran wild in the present site of Du Quoin, Frank Boles, Carrie Johnson, Luella Johnson (one armed), J. C. Lewis (son Dr. Julian Lewis, is now on the faculty of Chicago University), R. L. Anthony, G. B. Barnett, C. C. Jones (retired principal of Edward's School, Lincoln High branch), J. W. Holmes, Mattie Roberts, Minerva Bates, Annie L. Anderson, Emma Tate, Esther Lott, Blanche Powers, William A. Barnett, C. E. Smith, E. W. Owens, W. E. Taborn, Ann Lyde Baxter, Elmer Dean, Edna Goodgaine, Lindell Jackson, J. C. Penn, A. M. Varnado, Louise Stewart, Bernice Vaughn and Daisy M. Weaver (who spent 28 years at Lincoln, 10 years as principal)

Lincoln School team was district basketball champions under Elmer Dean and W. B. Oliver, and Lincoln High under C. E. Smith.

In the Southern Illinois Intellectual Association, Lincoln's contestants won first in speech for three successive years; first in solo work by Makline Bradford; first in quartet and first in skit.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS AMONG COLORED PEOPLE

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Jarret McLemore, uncle of T. C. McLemore; Amos Meredith, retired mail clerk, Chicago; Joe Brown; Joe Stewart, father of William Stewart, grandfather of Harrison Stewart, and Louise Stewart of Lincoln School; James Morgan; Hayes Burnett; William Weaver, brother of Daisy M. Wea-

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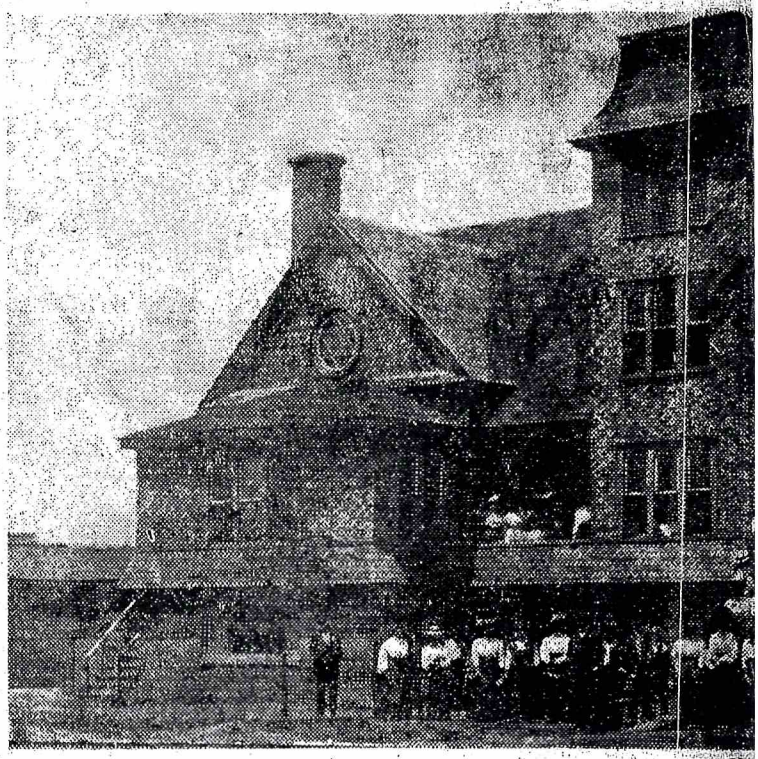

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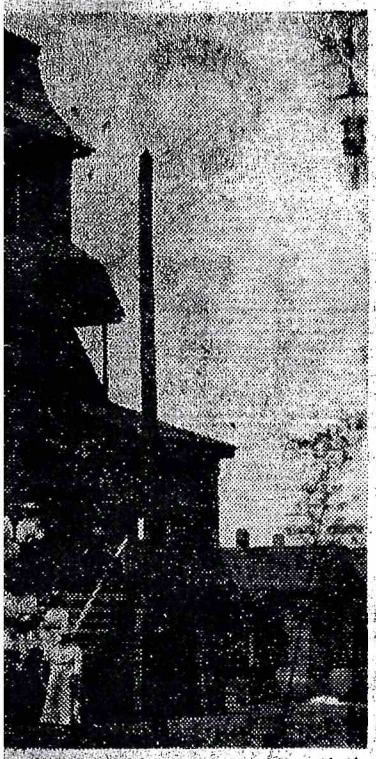

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City's First Negro Church, Non-Denominational, Formed In 1866 at Barton Residence

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The church was located between Du Quoin and St. John, near the present site of the Illinois Central water tank.

Mrs. America Barton and her sons; Benjamin, Samuel, and John, were among the first settlers. She became blind but lived to be 106. She passed away in 1897.

Rev. Richard Dement was pastor of the first church. He was the grandfather of Frank Pleasant, Eva Pleasant Hazel Pleasant, Hazel Smith, Helen Barnett, and Serilla Hooks. Also the great grandfather of Otella Pleasant and American Legion Commodore Rushing of Chicago.

The church was moved to North Walnut street on the site of the Sam Campanella home. Rev. Elijah Holmes of Georgia conducted a revival and was later elected pastor. Rev. Holmes was the father of Mrs. T. O. Thomas, Mrs. Judith Thompson, Gilbert Holmes, nad others not well known here. One son, Robert Holmes, who resides in California, witnessed the centennial parade recently. He had been gone from Du Quoin for 56 years.

The church burned and was rebuilt on the corner of Walnut and North street, its present site. Rev. J. Price is the present pastor.

ST. PAUL BAPTIST

St. Paul Bapptist Church was organized in 1893 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hooks, Sr. The first building was purchased from the Seven Day Adventist in 1894. The building was moved to North Oak street and is the present site of the Allen Billings home.

Most of the members lived on the west side of the tracks, which created a problem. It was decided to move to the west side. A site was purchased from Mrs. Callie Jackson, grandmother of Jerome Jackson, who remembers as a small boy going to the door to admit the committee of deacons, who came to talk sale.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Humphrey and Chas. Yehling were a great deal of help in promoting Sunday School in the St. Paul Church, with litature and books.

A. M. E. ZION CHURCH

The A. M. E. Zion Methodist Church was organized in 1879. Before this time all attended the first church. After enough members of the Methodist Church collected, they organized. The first pastor was Rev. William Smith. The Present name of the group is "Smith Memorial A. M. E. Zion Methodist Church."

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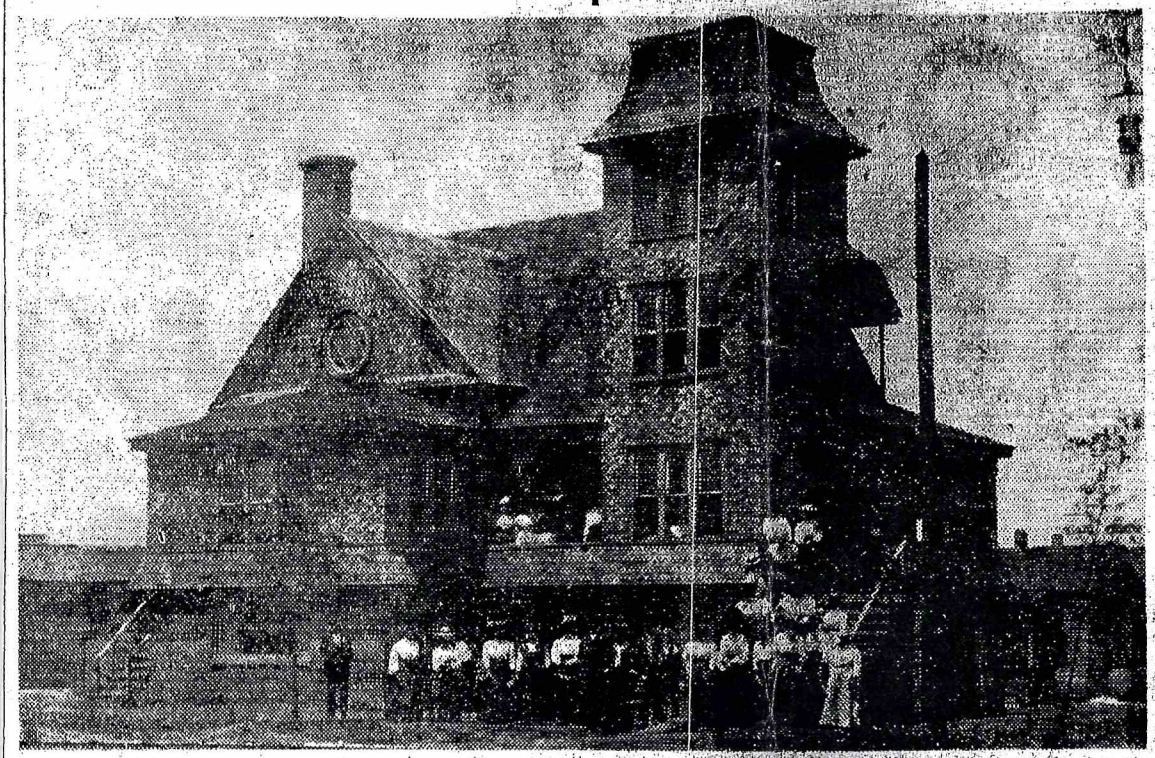

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